Steps taken to Encourage Disabled Children to Attend Schools

2747. SHRI JOYANTA ROY: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of disabled children attending schools in comparison to normal children;

(b) the steps taken by Government to encourage disabled children to attend schools; and

(c) whether Government will introduce special facilities for those in wheel chairs and suffering from various other forms of disability?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) A statement is annexed *(See* below).

(b) The following are the major schemes under which the disabled children are encouraged to attend the schools:—

(i) Assistance to Organisations for disabled persons;

(ii) Establishment and Development of Special Schools; and

(Hi) Integrated Education Scheme for Disabled Children.

(c) Although no specific proposal is under consideration of the Government to provide special facilities to the disabled children in wheel chairs, the schools meant for the Handicapped Children who receive grant-in-aid from the Government are expected to have such special facilities.

Statement

Shri Joyanta Roy regarding steps taken to encourage disabled children to attend Schools

According to the survey conducted by the National Sample Survey Organisation in 1991, the educational level of disabled children in rural and urban areas is as follows:—

(Per thousand population)

	Not literates	Upto Primary level	Middle level	Secondary level and above
Rural	701	203	53	35
Urban	462	298	no	123

As per the Selected Educational Statistics 1993-94, brought out by the Ministry of Human Resources Development, the gross enrolment ratios for the year 1993-94 were as follows:—

Primary (1 to 5)	104.5
Upper Primary (5 to 8)	67.7

NOTE: The gross enrolment ratio is defined as the percentage ratio of the enrolment in the respective classes to the estimated child population in the corresponding age groups.

Accidents in Visakhapatnam Steel Plant

2748. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the details of industrial accidents that had taken place in Visakhapatnam Steel Plant and the number-of persons killed during the last three years.

(b) the reasons for occurrence of these accidents and the total quantum of loss suffered by the VSP; and

(c) the remedial measures proposed to be taken to check recurrence of such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Details of Industrial Accidents that took place at Visakhapatnam Steel Plant